

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BOGOTA 11295 061358Z  
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-08 /023 W  
-----066689 061935Z /45

R 052157Z DEC 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA  
TO USDOC WASHDC  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 5058

UNCLAS BOGOTA 11295

EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BENC, CO  
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: NEW RAILROAD BETWEEN CITIES OF IBAGUE  
AND ARMENIA

REF: STATE 265175

1. EMBOFF CONTACTED DOCTOR JAVIER RESTREPO, VICE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, WHO STATED THAT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COLOMBIAN RAILROAD COMPANY ARE CONSIDERING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES FOR SUBJECT PROJECT. THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE CONSISTS OF ENLARGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE EXISTING ROAD BETWEEN IBAGUE AND ARMENIA, THE SECOND CONSISTS OF IMPROVEMENT OF SAID ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY. HE SAID THAT ALL PREFEASIBILITY STUDIES HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED BUT SELECTION OF ALTERNATIVE STILL PENDING. HE EXPECTS THAT DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY EARLY 1978 PROVIDING THAT LATEST ANALYSIS OF FREIGHT REQUIREMENTS IS AVAILABLE.

2. PROJECT PURPOSE IS TO JOIN THE PORT OF BUENAVENTURA, THE MAIN COLOMBIAN PORT ON THE PACIFIC COAST, AND THE CITY OF BOGOTA. RAILWAY ALREADY OPERATES BETWEEN BUENAVENTURA AND ARMENIS AND BETWEEN BOGOTA AND IBAGUE. THE RAILWAY BETWEEN IBAGUE AND ARMENIA WILL INCLUDE A TWENTY KILOMETER TUNNEL AND TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF 53 MILLION DOLLARS. FINANCING WILL BE SOUGHT FROM THE WORLD BANK OR  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BOGOTA 11295 061358Z

THE INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

3. POST WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS PROJECT.  
ASENCIO

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 05-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977BOGOTA11295  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770452-0895  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BOGOTA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19771295/aaaadcko.tel  
**Line Count:** 59  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** f4e8430c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 STATE 265175  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 03-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 365965  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MAJOR PROJECT: NEW RAILROAD BETWEEN CITIES OF IBAGUE AND ARMENIA  
**TAGS:** BENC, CO  
**To:** COM  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/f4e8430c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009